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## DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR PATENT APPLICATION

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

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I believe I am an original, first and joint inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled FAULT-TOLERANT TIME-OUT COMMUNICATION PROTOCOL AND SENSOR APPARATUS FOR USING SAME, the specification of which is attached hereto.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR §1.56.

I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. §119(e) of U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/450,000, filed February 25, 2003.

I hereby appoint William F. Bahret, Reg. No. 31,087, to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

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